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In Re Application of:

Teng and Hardee

Serial No.: 09/108,673

Group Art Unit: 1636

Filing Date: July 1, 1998

Examiner: W. Sandals

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE DELIVERY OF
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES VIA THE ALIMENTARY CANAL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- A Preliminary Amendment.
- An Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Responsive to the Office Action

Dated February 26, 2001.

- An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed _____.
- Other: _____.

Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.

Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:

an Independent Inventor

a Small Business Concern

a Nonprofit Organization

This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Substitute Pages _____ of the Specification are enclosed.

An Abstract is enclosed.

_____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.

A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: _____ is enclosed.

An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.

Information Disclosure Statement.

Attached Form 1449.

A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

Appended Material as follows: _____

Other Material as follows: _____

FEE CALCULATION

No Additional Fee is Due.

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	REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST PAID FOR	EXTRA	RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	39	42 (20 MINIMUM)	0	\$9 EACH	\$0	\$18 EACH	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	3 (3 MINIMUM)	0	\$40 EACH	\$0	\$80 EACH	\$
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TOTAL FEE DUE				\$0			\$

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Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of @@ to and through @@ comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of @@ month(s).

The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to deposit

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The Foregoing Amount Due for Filing this Paper.

Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or 1.20(d).

SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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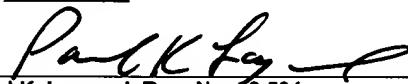
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I, Paul K. Legaard, Registration No. 38,534 certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

On April 3, 2001


Paul K. Legaard Reg. No. 38,534

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2001, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 5, 12, 13, 23, 24, 32, 33, 35-38, 41-43, 51, 52 and 65, amend claims 25, 40, 44, 48, 58, 60 and 61, and add new claims 66-81 as follows:

25. (Amended three times) A method of enhancing penetration of a nucleic acid across the alimentary canal of an animal comprising administering to said animal the composition of claim 44,